

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 10 September 2019

End of Life Choice Bill

Proposed amendment to SOP No 259

Kanwaljit Singh Bakshi, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

Clause 20

In *clause 20(1)*, replace *paragraph (b)* (page 18) with:

- (b) 3 health practitioners,—
 - (i) at least 1 of whom must be a medical practitioner whose practice specialises in the area of geriatric care; and
 - (ii) at least 1 of whom must be a medical practitioner whose practice specialises in the area of palliative care.

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends Supplementary Order Paper No 259 amending the End of Life Choice Bill by adding 2 particular membership qualification requirements in relation to the Review Committee.

It is important that the Review Committee include, among its health practitioner members, at least 1 who specialises in geriatric care, given the predominance of older New Zealanders likely to be affected by the proposed law.

Similarly, it is important that the health practitioner members of the Review Committee also include at least 1 who specialises in palliative care, given the knowledge that such a person, or persons, inevitably has regarding the provision of real care at the end of life.

